GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3777
ANSWERED ON:17.04.2008
. CONCESSION FOR RAILWAY EMPLOYEES SUFFERING FROM CHRONIC ILLNESS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any concession in favour of patients suffering from chronic illnesses is provided while performing rail journey;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the percentage of concession;

(c) the details of the categories who are eligible for same concession while travelling with attendants;

(d) whether the Railways propose to extend this concession to the patients of AIDS and leprosy also;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

(d) to (f): Due to financial constraints, there is no proposal to extend concession to escorts accompanying AIDS and leprosy patients

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3777 BY SHRI DALPAT SINGH PARSTE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.4.2008 REGARDING CONCESSION FOR RAILWAY EMPLOYEES SUFFERING FROM CHRONIC ILLNESS

(a) to (c): Details of categories of patients suffering from various diseases, along with element of concession, are as under:

(i) Cancer patients: 50% concession in AC 2-Tier and AC first class and 75% in other classes is admissible to these patients when called by recognised hospital for treatment or check-up and return.

(ii) Thalassemia patients: 50% concession in AC 2-Tier and AC first class and 75% in other classes is admissible to these patients when called by recognised hospital for treatment or check-up and return.

(iii) Heart patients: 50% concession in AC 2-Tier and AC first class and 75% in other classes is admissible to these patients, when called by recognised hospital for heart surgery and return.

(iv) Kidney patients: 50% concession in AC 2-Tier and AC first class and 75% in other classes is admissible to these patients, when called by recognised hospital for kidney transplant operation or dislysis and return.

(v) Hemophilia patients: 75% concession in Second, Sleeper, First, AC Chair Car and AC 3- tier classes is admissible to patients suffering from severe/moderate form of hemophilia, when called by recognised hospital for treatment or check up and return.

(vi) T.B./Lupas Valgaris patients: 75% concession in Second, Sleeper & First classes is admissible to these patients, when called by recognised hospital for treatment or check-up and return.

(vii) Non-infectious Leprosy patients: 75% concession in Second, Sleeper & First classes is admissible to these patients, when called by recognised hospital for treatment or check-up and return.

(viii) AIDS patients: 50% concession in Second class admissible to these patients, when called by nominated Anti Retroviral Therapy (ART) centres for treatment and return.

Concession to AIDS patients has been extended from 1.4.2008. These concessions are admissible to every one irrespective of whether the patient is a railway employee or not.Except the Leprosy and AIDS patients, one escort with every patient is eligible for same concession.